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those which not only attain the best administration in such matters, but tend most to maintain the legitimate power of the Government, by increasing the respect with which the public regard it.

The night steamer *Han Yang*, having completed repairs, returned to her usual place yesterday afternoon.

The British ship *Beautiful Star* returned to port again yesterday, in consequence of threatening weather. She is anchored off Green Island.

We are sorry to note that in consequence of continued ill-health, three of the Hongkong Police Force have been compelled to go home. They left in the *Transcender* yesterday.

We observe that the new Master-at-the-Door, Mr. Austin, promises is being pulled down, on account of the woodwork getting rotten. A more suitable structure for hanging the fire-bell will be built up.

An anchor of the Rock Col description was found at the Harbour Master's wharf yesterday morning, and taken to the Western market quite alive. It weighed 2162 lbs, was six feet seven inches in length, and five feet in circumference round the middle.

One solitary diver is hard at work bringing up the anchor of the *Transcender* at a time from the steamer *Abby*. The object is to raise her, it is evident, the work is carried out under the motto "Slow, but Sure." We observe nothing being done to the steamer *Lozen*. They are at this rate, to be the time marks of the last typhoon.

A Gazette Extraordinary, published yesterday, announces that the Hon. J. Gardner Austin will administer the Government provisionally, and has made the following appointments: Hon. C. C. Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary; Chas. May, Esq., Acting Treasurer; Jas. Russell, Esq., Acting Registrar General; and F. W. Mitchell, Esq., Acting Police Magistrate vice Russell.

We are informed that No. 19 of the *China Punch* will be ready for issue early this afternoon. It will be a double number, and the cover of Vol. II. It appears that the appearance of the typhoon which the month's issue was caused a delay, and it was therefore deferred expedient to publish the present number in a double form. Subscribers will probably make allowance for some of the allusions being rather behind the time.

Another fire broke out in the cook-house of a dry goods store, No. 51, Jervis-street, corner of Hillier-street, yesterday afternoon. It originated from the burning of some tattered cloth coverings taken from boxes of piece goods. A great crowd of people collected and a small hand engine belonging to the pawnbrokers was quickly on the spot. Inspector Whitehead and Mr. Andrew Miller rushed to the scene, but the fire was speedily put out without the assistance of the engine.

A large size Government hand engine has for two days completely stopped, and down to the Ocean Telegraph Office, and the offices of other public bodies, the same passage way, and has raised a great deal of complaint in the neighbourhood. If the engine had been only moved six feet further West, it would then be in the Queen's Road, just handy and out of everybody's way. The Government should at least be the first to set the example "not to obstruct."

DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR ENGLAND.

Sir Arthur Kennedy left for England by the P. O. steamer *Transcender* at noon yesterday. His Excellency's departure, we regret to say, is in consequence of the serious illness of Lady Kennedy, who went home some months ago. Shortly before eleven o'clock a detachment of the 80th Regiment, headed by the band, was drawn up in front of Pudding's wharf, and Major-General Colborne, General-in-Chief, and Major-General Colborne, General-in-Chief, were present. The band blared on the part of some one, the chief who sustained considerable damage in the late typhoon, was in a wretched condition, and it was only by the exertions of Inspectors Grimes and Doolie, some minutes before eleven, that a few planks were laid down to make it possible for the band to play. His Excellency was received by Captain O'Brien, and the band played a grand march. The steamer arrived at the wharf, and was turned out to assist in the departure. 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